GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF APICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of Honey is gradually declining in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether major factor for this decline is decreasing population of Bee in the country;

(d) if so, whether any programme is being launched or under implementation for promotion of Apiculture;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether India is exporting Honey; and

(g) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. The production of honey in terms of value has increased from Rs.32.82 crores in 1998-99 to Rs.40.98 crores in 2000-01. However, the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture − Supplementation Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans. Under this Scheme assistance is being provided to the State Designated Agencies (SDAs) and State Governments for taking up activities like production and distribution of honey bee colonies, distribution of hives, migration of colonies, organizing training programmes and honey festivals. Since 1994- 95, about 1.54 lakh honey bee colonies have been distributed to the farmers/bee-keepers. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission is also implementing a Stock Multiplication Programme with the assistance of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

(f) & (g): Details of export of honey for last 3 years is given below:-

Year	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Lakh Rs.)
1998-1999	1608	729.88
1999-2000	1920	952.84
2000-2001	1534	812.80